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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.
2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-15 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
6) Claim(s) 1-15 is/are rejected.
7) Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
8) Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s), including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 10/26/2005.

4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
6) Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

Claims 1-2 and 4-15 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Uhara et al (WO02/16475), herein Uhara.

Regarding Claims 1, 2, 5 and 14-15 Uhara discloses a polyamide film, manufactured from polyamic acid comprising pyromellitic dianhydride, 10-60% mol of 1,4 phenylenediamine and 40-90% mol of 3,4'-oxydianiline (page 4, line 30, Example 1), which can be used in metal wiring circuit board, LOC and TAB tapes (page 1, line 15).

Regarding Claims 4, 6 and 7, since the structures of Uhara's and Applicant's polyimide are identical, Uhara's resin inherently possesses tensile strength of 150Mpa or greater, imide group concentration between 5.7 and 6.2 eq/kg and imide group fraction 95% or greater (Tables 1-3).

Regarding Claim 8, 9, 10 and 13 Uhara's polyamide meet the limitations of equations (1) and (2) (Tables 1-3). Polyamic solution from the above components converted to a gel polyisomide with acetic anhydride as a dehydrating agent (page 11, line 15 and page 12, line 5) with biaxially stretching (page 12, line 25) and following heating at 200-500C (page 12, line 30). Alternatively, the obtained partially imidized film can be immersed into isoimidating solution ((page 11, line 15).

In reference to Claim 11, Uhara teaches two steps for solvent removal and imidization. In the first step (corresponding to Application's step 2), only low temperature applied in order to prevent film blistering. In examiner's opinion, at this stage only small part of polyamic acid converts to polyamide.

Regarding claim 12, since swelling ratio derives from a polymer structure and solvent, Uhara's polyamide inherently has a swelling degree of 200-10000%.

Claims 1, 3 and 10 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Moriyama et al (JP publication 2001-081213), herein Moriyama.

Regarding Claims 1 and 3 Moriyama discloses a polyamide film, manufactured from polyamic acid comprising pyromellitic dianhydride, 60-90% mol of 1,4 phenylene diamine and 10-40% mol of another diamine, such as dioxy triphenyl diamine (abstract and line 0017).

In reference to claim 10, Moriyama teaches a method for film formation, where a partially cured polyamic acid dipped into a beta-picoline/acetic anhydride solution (line 0036).

Double Patenting

Claims 1-2, 4-5, 9 and 12 provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 4, 5 and 18-19 of copending Application No. 10/543813. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because a polyimide, disclosed in claim 1 of Application examined can be used as adhesive sheet and a laminate disclosed in claims 4, 5 and 18-19 of Application No. 10/543813. The above articles are made from a polyaimide of the same structure as described in Application examined. Moreover, the primary application of the polyimide is a polymer film (see claims 2-8 of the examined Application).

This is a provisional obviousness-type double patenting rejection because the conflicting claims have not in fact been patented.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gregory Listvoyb whose telephone number is (571) 272-6105. The examiner can normally be reached on 9am-6pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Seidleck can be reached on (571) 272-1078. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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